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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL REGION COMMANDERS

FROM: HQ CAP/LMPD

SUBJECT: *Squadron of Distinction* 2003

1. Each year, Region Commanders recognize the top CAP composite or cadet squadron by selecting the *Squadron of Distinction* for their respective region. Complete details about the criteria for this award are found in [CAPR 39-3](#).
2. Our office is sending a distinctive *Squadron of Distinction* certificate and streamer to your region headquarters this week. Each of the following *Squadrons of Distinction* can be proud of their accomplishments as being the best unit with cadets in their respective region:
 - GLR: Fox Cities Composite Squadron (WI-055)
 - MER: Greenville Composite Squadron (SC-014)
 - NCR: Anoka County Composite Squadron (MN-021)
 - NER: Silver City Cadet Squadron (CT-014)
 - PCR: Overlake Composite Squadron (WA-050)
 - RMR: Valkyrie Cadet Squadron (CO-183) **Representative squadron*
 - SER: Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron (GA-116)
 - SWR: Northwest Arkansas Composite Squadron (AR-115).
3. One of these *Squadrons of Distinction* is selected for recognition at the annual National Board summer meeting and presented with a \$500 honorarium sponsored by the family of Brigadier General F. Ward Reilly, former Chairman of the CAP National Board. Additionally, the *F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award* recognizes the individual leadership of the squadron commander of the squadron selected for recognition at the National Board. National Headquarters carefully considered all of this year's *Squadrons of Distinction* and has selected the **Valkyrie Cadet Squadron (CO-183)** as this year's representative *Squadron of Distinction* at the National Board. This squadron's commander, Capt **C. Courtney Walsh**, CAP, is also selected as this year's *F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award* winner.
4. The National Board standardized the annual awards in 1996 to denote that the year on the national awards will be the year presented and that the award would cover the outstanding achievements of the previous year.
5. Our congratulations to all of the region winners for *Squadron of Distinction*! Feel free to call me at 334.953.5309, or e-mail me at rsmith@cap.gov, if have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ROBERT B. SMITH" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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